

Final Report of Child Fatality or Near Fatality

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DOB: 1/6/12 Race: B Gender: F

Type of Report: X Fatality Near Fatality

Date of Fatality or Near Fatality: 2/18/12

Cause and Circumstances of the Child Fatality or Near Fatality

Date Report Accepted for Investigation: 2/24/12

Summary of Allegations: The reporter stated a six-week old infant died on 2/18/12. A homicide investigation is still ongoing. Allegedly, the mother and two adult females were up most of the night packing belongings as the mother was moving to another residence. At 4:00 a.m., the child woke up and was fed by his mother. After feeding the child, the mother took the child to be with her and later awoke to find the child not breathing. The mother called EMS and police also responded. The child was transported to the hospital.

The home had been cleaned before the investigator arrived to search the residence. A search of the residence produced a small bag of marijuana which was found in the bedroom where the incident occurred. One of the mother's friends claimed ownership of the marijuana.

Date Investigation Initiated: 2/24/12

Case Decision: The case was indicated for neglect by the mother.

Date of Case Decision: 4/9/12

Basis for Case Decision: SCDSS indicated the case for neglect by the mother because the mother's use of marijuana impaired her ability to provide care and supervision for the child.

The Department's Response After the Fatality or Near Fatality

The SCDSS implemented a Safety Plan which included a maternal aunt as the protector. One of the siblings of the deceased child was residing with his biological father in a surrounding county.

SCDSS provided referrals for substance abuse treatment, random drug testing, child care assistance, and provided cases management through a family preservation case.

The family completed the goals of the treatment plan. The case closed on 9/7/12.

Previous Child Abuse or Neglect Investigations that are Pertinent to the Child Fatality or Serious Injury. (Note: State law prohibits disclosure of records or information in unfounded cases).

The family had no prior child protective services history.